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Dallas Baptist University opened the doors to the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel this fall. One of the inscriptions which adorns the ceiling beams reads, "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7). The recent dedication of the Sally and Jim Nation Sanctuary Organ is a part of ensuring that the Pilgrim Chapel is known as a place of prayer and awe-inspiring worship to the God who provided the blessing of such facilities.

Long-time friends of the University, the Nations have given generously to DBU through the years. In particular, the Nation Foundation, which was founded in 1961 by Jim Nation's parents, Merle and Oslin Nation, has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship funds for DBU students and for students at dozens of other universities as well.

Sally Nation is a former member of the DBU Board of Trustees, and Jim Nation is currently serving on the Board. Sally is also an active member of the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board, serving as the current president. She is



Dr. Bob Brooks (left), who helped to plan and organize the special service, along with Sally and Jim Nation.

also a past recipient of the Ruth Award, presented by the Women's Auxiliary Board. In addition to their gift for the new organ, they provided a gift for the Sanctuary Steinway piano, which is also named after the Nations.

"Sally and Jim Nation have given a great gift in the donation of the sanctuary organ and piano," said Dr. Bob Brooks, associate dean of the Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership and director of the Master of Arts in Worship Leadership program. "Their generosity will help to further expand the worship and musical offerings of the University, so vital to the academic and spiritual life of the DBU community."

Dr. J. Gregg Bunn, a nationally renowned performer, served as the dedication organist for this special service. Dr. Bunn, who began his organ study at age 17, has earned degrees in organ and church music from Shorter College and Indiana University. He also completed a doctorate in organ performance and church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas in 2004.

Dr. Bunn has served in churches throughout Georgia, Indiana, and Texas, and he has taught on the adjunct faculties of Dallas Baptist University, Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, and Tennessee State University. He and his wife, Alexandria, reside in Franklin, Tennessee with their two sons, where Dr. Bunn is the organist at Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee.



Dr. Gregg Bunn (left) along with Dr. Ed Spann, former dean of the DBU College of Fine Arts, and Dr. Spann's wife, Jan. Dr. Bunn served as the dedication organist during the service. He has also previously served as an adjunct professor of music at DBU and accompanied the DBU choir on a recent trip to France.